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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1641**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)) Before the Examiner
Douglas et al)) Chin
Serial No. 08/876,812)) Group Art Unit
Filed June 17, 1997)) 1641
ELECTROCHEMICAL TEST))
DEVICE AND RELATED))
METHODS))

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include the payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

REMARKS

Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. This application contains claims 1-16, 52-59, and 61-83, pending and under consideration. In the Office Action, claims 1-16 and 69-83 were allowed. Claims 52 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Bogart et al. (US 5,468,606). Claims 53-55, 59, 63, and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bogart et al. Additionally, objections were asserted against claims 56-58, 62, 64,